MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the Protector of Depressed Classes has any qualifications in law?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Do the Government think it necessary that some knowledge of law is necessary for the proper protection of the depressed classes?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A knowledge of law does not seem to be very essential in any case.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Do they consider it desirable that the Protector of the Depressed Classes should have some knowledge of the law?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter will be considered.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether the Government have any objection in appointing a non-official as the Protector of Depressed Classes?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag Director of Public Instruction*): Does that question arise, Sir?

PRESIDENT: That is a separate question and does not arise.

Accommodation for in-patients in the District Hospital, Kottayam.

117. ***MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Changanacherry cum Peermade II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of in-patients lying on the floor in the Kottayam District Hospital as also the number of patients sent away without being admitted as in-patients for want of accommodation during Medam, Edavam and Mithunam 1108?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement of the number of in-patients in the District Hospital, Kottayam, who were not supplied with cots during Medam, Edavam and Mithunam 1108, is placed on the table. They were given mats and *jamkals* to lie on. No patient is allowed to lie on the bare floor.

No patient was ever refused admission for want of accommodation.

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Statement showing the number of in-patients in the District Hospital, Kottayam, not supplied with cots during each day in the months of Medam, Edavam and Mithunam 1108.

Date.	No. of cots available.	Medom.		Edavam.		Mithunam.	
		Total No. of I. P.	Number without cots.	Total No. of I. P.	Number without cots.	Total No of I. P.	Number without cots.
1	57	64	7	71	14	72	15
2	..	63	6	71	14	65	8
3	..	64	7	66	9	75	18
4	..	62	5	70	13	71	14
5	..	73	16	68	11	69	12
6	..	73	16	69	12	70	13
7	..	71	14	71	14	75	18
8	..	77	20	67	10	75	18
9	..	76	19	64	7	75	18
10	..	81	24	67	10	76	19
11	..	81	24	69	12	72	15
12	..	83	26	68	11	77	20
13	..	87	30	69	12	73	16
14	..	86	29	68	11	73	16
15	..	84	27	63	6	73	16
16	..	88	31	62	5	66	9
17	..	87	30	62	5	67	10
18	..	85	28	61	4	66	9
19	..	89	32	65	8	73	17
20	..	90	33	65	8	71	14
21	..	88	31	68	11	73	16
22	..	96	39	61	4	78	21
23	..	90	33	56	..	73	16
24	..	92	35	53	..	70	13
25	..	85	28	56	..	65	8
26	..	81	24	57	..	67	10
27	..	80	23	60	3	65	8
28	..	81	24	61	4	67	10
29	..	76	19	64	7	67	10
30	..	76	19	68	11	60	3
31	..	68	11	66	9	57	..
32	..	..	..	68	11	..	..

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): May I know whether it is not dangerous for typhoid patients to lie on the floor upon a mat and *jamakalam*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Such arrangements as are best suited for cases like that would be made by the doctor in charge. He will not allow a typhoid patient to lie on the floor, if that is dangerous to the patient.

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MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : May I know whether several of the patients are now lying on the verandah exposed to wind and rain ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Some may have to on account of want of accommodation, but every arrangement is made to see that they are properly cared for.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : Is the member aware that they are being exposed to wind and rain ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They must be protected from rain.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : Will not particles of the rain water be blown by the wind during the rainy season ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information ?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : If such a thing is happening there, does the member think that it is injurious to them)

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If that is so, it will be injurious to them.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : How many of these beds are occupied by surgical patients ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : Does the member know that several of the patients are lying in a mere shed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I accept the information of the member.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : Will the Government be pleased to take necessary action to accommodate them in better buildings ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That will be considered.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the physician in charge of the hospital has brought to the notice of Government these facts even before the receipt by Government of this interpellation ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he has not.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I now how many cots there are in the hospital?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The number of cots available is 57.

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MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Does that number represent the number of patients that could be accommodated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The number of patients is more.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Is any register maintained of patients who have been sent away for want of accommodation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Cheif Secretary to Government*): It is said that no patient was ever refused accommodation.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Supposing there is no accommodation, are they to maintain any record for that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information about it.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Are the Government taking on trust the information supplied by the physician?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information supplied by the officers of the department is accepted.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): There is no record kept?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Statement, by caste, of Officers in the P. W. D.

118. **MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement, by caste, showing the number of officers from each community in the P. W. D., who are not below the status of Supervisors?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The statement required is laid on the table.

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